CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 17, 2019 - CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

INVOCATION
Tim Mossholder of Santa Maria Foursquare Church gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilmember Cordero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino reconvened the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Alice Patino, Councilmember Michael Moats, Councilmember Mike Cordero, Councilmember Gloria Soto, and Councilmember Etta Waterfield

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Jason Stilwell, City Attorney Thomas Watson, Fire Chief Leonard Champion, Chief of Police Phillip Hansen, Director of Finance Mary Harvey, City Librarian Mary Housel, Chief Information Officer Jeffrey Marecic, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Kevin McCune, Chief Human Resources Officer Elena Morelos, Director of Community Development Chuen Ng, Director of Recreation & Parks Alex Posada, Recreation Services Manager Dennis Smitherman, Director of Utilities Shad Springer, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Rhonda White

1 PRESENTATIONS

A. **LIGHTS, SIGHTS, AND HOLIDAY NIGHTS HOLIDAY DECORATION CONTEST.**
The City Council received a presentation of the 23rd Annual Lights, Sights, and Holiday Nights Holiday Decoration Contest awards.

This year's winners were: **Best Decorated Rookie Resident:** Ryan & Beth Mikus, 1567 Varick Court; **Clark Griswold Award Winner:** Jim Zubia Family, 431 S. Pine Street; **Norman Rockwell Award Winner:** Tim Price, 526 Boscoe Court; and **Simply Christmas Award Winner:** Rodriguez Family, 603 N. Bonita. **Holiday Hall of Fame:** Juli Bernard, 228 S. Linda Drive; Carcarey Family, 407 Pam Court; Cardona Family, 2040 Lassen Drive; John Hindle, 1030 Cortez Drive; Bob and Stephanie Melena, 515 N. Lucas Drive; and Michael Clayton, 400 E. Orange Street.

B. **WINTER 2020 HOMETOWN HEROES.** The City Council received a presentation on the Hometown Heroes program to recognize Santa Maria residents who currently serve or have served in the United States Military by displaying a celebratory banner with the honorees military photograph and branch of service.

The Winter 2020 Class of Honorees include: James Tomei - Army, Arthur Reynoso - Army, James R. Clifton – Navy, Michael Tabisola – Air Force, Sylvester Orosco – Army, Joshua Parker – Air Force, and Kenneth Ray Guess - Navy.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
There were no requests to speak.

3 CONSENT CALENDAR
Consent Calendar Items 3A-3L were approved as presented, including the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2019-133, 2019-134, 2019-135, 2019-136, 2019-137, 2019-138, 2019-139, and 2019-140. The recorded vote appears with each item below.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.

Action: Readings waived.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of December 3, 2019.

Action: Minutes approved as submitted.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

C. Adopt a Resolution designating a period of economic hardship and implementing a Voluntary Time-Off Program.

Action: Voluntary Time-Off Program implemented.

Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2019-133. 5-0.

D. Adopt Resolutions approving the newly created Fire Inspector I/II position; the updated City of Santa Maria salary schematic; and amending Appendix "A" of the Conflict of Interest Code for designated filers of the City of Santa Maria.

Action: Fire Inspector I/II position, salary schematic, and Conflict of Interest Code updates were approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution Nos. 2019-134 and 2019-135. 5-0.

E. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

F. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance, and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

G. Receive, review, and file the Growth Mitigation Annual Compliance Report.

Action: Report received, and ordered filed.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

H. Adopt a Resolution approving limited parking on North Bradley Road.

Action: Limited parking was approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2019-136. 5-0.

I. Adopt a Resolution establishing an all-way stop at the intersection of Union Valley Parkway and California Boulevard.

Action: All-way stop was approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2019-137. 5-0.

J. Adopt a Resolution approving the establishment of a limited time parking zone and no stopping zone on S. Russell Avenue.

Action: Limited time parking zone and no stopping zone were approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2019-138. 5-0.

K. Adopt a Resolution approving an agreement with California Commercial Pools, Inc., for Bid No. 2019/09, Paul Nelson Aquatic Center (PNAC) Pool Renovations.

Action: Agreement was approved with California Commercial Pools, Inc.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2019-139. 5-0.

L. Adopt a Resolution approving and confirming a report of 2019 weed abatement costs for assessment purposes and authorizing the Chief Deputy City Clerk to notify the County Auditor Controller's Office of the parcel numbers and amounts due for collection on property tax bills.

Action: Weed abatement costs were approved and authorization was given to transmit assessments to the Auditor Controller's Office.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2019-140. 5-0.

4 REGULAR BUSINESS

A. **APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO TEM.** The City Council accepted the Mayor's nomination for the position of Mayor Pro Tem for a one-year term. (City Manager)

Action: Mayor Patino appointed Councilmember Cordero as Mayor Pro Tem for the 2020 calendar year.
Moved by Mayor Patino, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. 5-0.

B. **CONCEPTUAL REVIEW OF MALHOTRA APARTMENTS PERMIT AMENDMENT AT 504 SOUTH BROADWAY.** The City Council considered a proposed downtown permit amendment to convert commercial/office spaces at 504 South Broadway into residential apartments. (Director of Community Development)

Director of Community Development Ng gave the presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Public Input
Project Applicant, Atul Malhotra, commented that the he would like to convert some of the office spaces in his building to apartments and explained the logistics of doing so. He noted that it had been difficult to rent out the commercial units because they are small and prospective renters express concerns with residential units over the rental spaces.

Action: The City Council reviewed the proposed permit amendment. By consensus of the City Council, staff was directed to move forward with the project, and allow for the conversion of the commercial spaces to residential units.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER
City Manager Stilwell reported that the next regular City Council meeting would be January 7, 2020. Items on the agenda would include a Proclamation for the Women's March Day, the first reading of the Fireworks Ordinance, and the Leisure Needs Assessment and Action Plan.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)
Councilmember Cordero reported that he attended the Annual Holiday Parade of Lights; a Fund for Santa Barbara meeting; a DARE graduation; the Annual Freedom Ceremony; and the swearing in ceremony for eight new police officers.

Councilmember Moats reported that he spoke on the Ben Heighes radio show and attended the Annual Holiday Parade of Lights.

Councilmember Waterfield reported that she attended a Women's Conference in Santa Maria; the Annual Holiday Parade of Lights; a meeting with the City's Fire Chief; a meeting with a Planning Commissioner; the LAFCO meeting; the DARE graduation, spoke on the Ben Heighes radio show; and a funeral for Patricia Riehle.

Councilmember Soto reported that she gave a presentation at an elementary classroom on City government; attended the Annual Holiday Parade of Lights and tree lighting ceremony; and a meeting with the Santa Barbara County Women's Political Committee.

Mayor Patino reported that she attended the first Monterey Bay Community Power policy board meeting; took the Mayor's Task Force on Youth Safety Teen Academies from Santa Maria High School and Pioneer Valley High School to Berkeley and Santa Clara to visit Bay Area museums and universities; attended the Annual Holiday of Parade of Lights; the North County Subregional meeting in Solvang; the Vandenberg Air Force Base Space Launch Expansion Initiative Kick-off meeting; the DARE graduation; and the Annual Freedom Monument Ceremony.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m., in memory of Mary Patricia "Pat" Riehle.

Approved at a regular meeting on January 7, 2020.

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk of the City Council

ATTEST:
1/15/2020
Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria